

SENATE BILL No. 238

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18-2-8; IC 9-19-22.

Synopsis: Inspection of private buses. Requires the state police department to establish a program to inspect private buses. Provides that the state police department is not required to conduct the inspections. Requires the owner of a private bus to provide to the bureau of motor vehicles an unexpired certificate of inspection for the private bus before the owner may register or reregister the private bus.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.262-2013,
2 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in section 7(h) of this
4 chapter and subsection (f), the bureau shall determine the schedule for
5 registration for the following categories of vehicles:
6 (1) Passenger motor vehicles.
7 (2) Recreational vehicles.
8 (3) Motorcycles.
9 (4) Trucks that:
10 (A) are regularly rented to others for not more than
11 twenty-nine (29) days in the regular course of the corporation's
12 business; and
13 (B) have a declared gross weight of not more than eleven
14 thousand (11,000) pounds.
15 (b) Except as provided in IC 9-18-12-2.5, a person that owns a
16 vehicle shall receive a license plate, renewal tag, or other indicia upon



1 registration of the vehicle. The bureau may determine the indicia
2 required to be displayed.

3 (c) A corporation that owns a vehicle that is regularly rented to
4 others for periods of not more than twenty-nine (29) days in the regular
5 course of the corporation's business must register the vehicle on the
6 date prescribed by the bureau.

7 (d) A person that owns a vehicle in a category required to be
8 registered under this section and desires to register the vehicle for the
9 first time must apply to the bureau for a certificate of registration. The
10 bureau shall do the following:

11 (1) Administer the certificate of registration.

12 (2) Issue the license plate according to the bureau's central
13 fulfillment processes.

14 (3) Collect the proper registration and service fees in accordance
15 with the procedure established by the bureau.

16 (e) Except as provided in IC 9-18-12-2.5, the bureau shall issue a
17 semipermanent plate under section 30 of this chapter, or:

18 (1) an annual renewal tag; or

19 (2) other indicia;

20 to be affixed on the semipermanent plate.

21 (f) After June 30, 2011, the registration of a vehicle under
22 IC 9-18-16-1(a)(1) or IC 9-18-16-1(a)(2) expires on December 14 of
23 each year. However, if a vehicle is registered under IC 9-18-16-1(a)(1)
24 or IC 9-18-16-1(a)(2) and the registration of the vehicle is in effect on
25 June 30, 2011, the registration of the vehicle remains valid:

26 (1) throughout calendar year 2011; and

27 (2) during the period that:

28 (A) begins January 1, 2012; and

29 (B) ends on the date on which the vehicle was due for
30 reregistration under the law in effect before this subsection
31 took effect.

32 **(g) After December 31, 2014, a person that:**

33 **(1) owns a private bus; and**

34 **(2) desires to:**

35 **(A) register for the first time; or**

36 **(B) reregister;**

37 **the private bus;**

38 **must present to the bureau an unexpired certificate indicating**
39 **compliance with an inspection program established under**
40 **IC 9-19-22-3, in addition to any other information required by the**
41 **bureau.**

42 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS



A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]:

Chapter 22. Inspection of Equipment for Private Buses

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a private bus that is registered or reregistered with the bureau after December 31, 2014.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to a program to inspect private buses established under section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 3. (a) The superintendent of the state police department shall establish a program to inspect private buses under this chapter. The superintendent may, but is not required to, adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish the program.

(b) A program established under subsection (a) must do the following:

(1) Identify categories of individuals who may conduct an inspection under the program.

(2) Prescribe safety requirements for the construction and equipment of private buses subject to this chapter, including requiring a determination of the existence and condition of a private bus's:

- (A) brakes;
- (B) lights;
- (C) steering and suspension;
- (D) exhaust systems;
- (E) body; and
- (F) tires.

(3) If an inspection under the program reveals that a private bus meets the safety requirements prescribed under subdivision (2), require the individual who inspected the private bus to issue to the owner of the private bus a certificate stating that the private bus was inspected and met the prescribed safety requirements.

(c) A program established under subsection (a) may impose a fee for conducting an inspection and issuing a certificate. The fee:

- (1) may be sufficient to defray; and
- (2) may not exceed;

actual inspection and administrative costs.

Sec. 4. This chapter does not require the state police department to inspect private buses under this chapter.

